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Catholic archbishop dies here at age 73

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — The Roman Catholic Vicar General Delegate in Jordan, Archbishop Ni'mah Al Sam'an, died here from a severe heart attack at the age of 73.

Archbishop Sam'an was born in Haifa in Palestine. He holds a degree in philosophy from the Holy Sepulchre University in Jerusalem. He served as archbishop in several Jordanian towns, including Ajlun and Al Husun. In 1962 he was transferred to Amman and appointed Vicar General Delegate in Jordan. He held the post until his death.

Archbishop Sam'an left many writings, articles and lectures on the role of the Catholic Church in the Arab world. In addition to Arabic, he spoke English, French, Italian, Latin, Greek and Hebrew. The body of Archbishop Sam'an will lie in state from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Roman Catholic Patriarchate here.

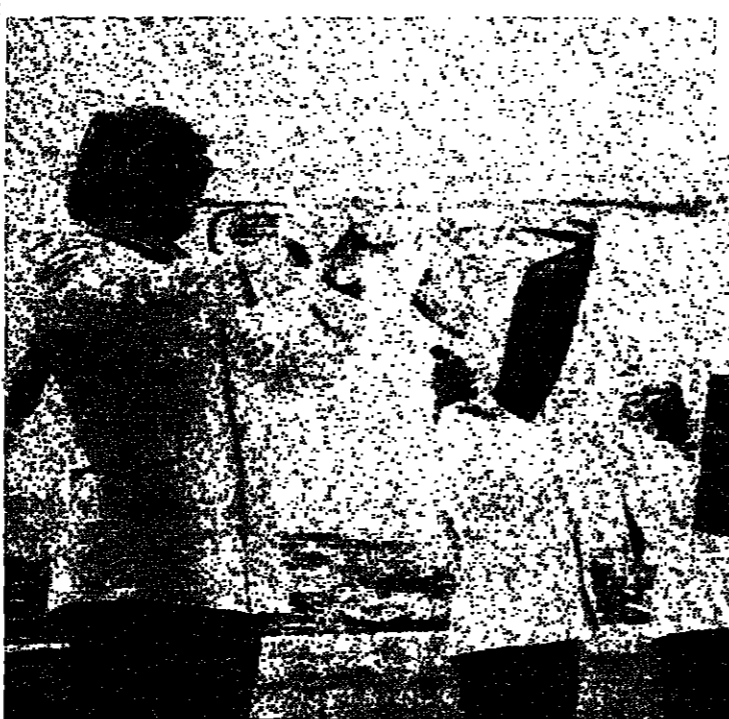


Archbishop Ni'mah Al Sam'an (1973 photo)

A day of joy...and remembrance



Above: His Majesty King Hussein decorates a warrant officer, working at the King Hussein Medical Centre, at the Martyrs Monument, where trumpeters (below) played in tribute to Jordan's war dead on the occasion of Independence and Army Day, which was preceded by fireworks displays that lit up the skies over the capital Sunday night. More photos on page 2. (Staff photos by Yousef Al Allan)



AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein today patronised a ceremony organised by the armed forces at the Martyr's Monument for Independence and Army Day. A 21-gun salute greeted King Hussein upon his arrival at the ceremonial site, where he reviewed the guard of honour. He was met upon arrival by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, the commander in chief of the armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, the army chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali, and guests who included senior government officials and high-ranking army officers. The King and the audience visited the Martyr's Monument and King Hussein watered the Tree of Life as the armed forces band played the tattoo of the retreat. Later, King Hussein decorated a number of army officers, non-commissioned officers and troops with medals. He also met with heads of diplomatic missions in Amman and representatives of various sectors of the public who expressed their good wishes on the occasion of Independence and Army Day. On the occasion, King Hussein received cables of good wishes from king and heads of state of Arab and friendly nations. Cables came from the leaders of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, North Yemen, Libya, Morocco, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Turkey, the Soviet Union, the United States, Great Britain, India, Yugoslavia, China, Italy, Cuba, North Korea, South Korea, Romania, West Germany, Vietnam, Hungary, Sri Lanka, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland and Australia. Cables also arrived from Arab League Secretary General Chadi Kilibi and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim. Also, cables came from Mr. Badran, cabinet members, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, members of the National Consultative Council, heads of municipal and village councils, heads of various sectors of the public, notable citizens and the commander of the Palestine Liberation Army stationed in Jordan, Col. Na'im Abdul Rahman Al Khatib. Celebrations of the holiday were held throughout Jordan. The inspector general of the armed forces today opened a military exhibition at the campus of the Arab College to mark Army Day. On display at the two-day exhibition are different types of armour and weapons used by the armed forces.

King goes to USSR

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein left here today for Moscow on a state visit at the invitation of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. and the Soviet government.

The King was seen off at Amman airport by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Highness Prince Mohammad, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhoum, President of the National Consultative Council Ahmad Tarawneh, the Minister of the Court, the commander in chief of the armed forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, and a number of high-ranking officials. Accompanying King Hussein on his visit are Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, chief of the Hashemite Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, and a number of high-ranking officials. Crown Prince Hassan was sworn in as Regent during King Hussein's stay in the Soviet Union. A royal decree today appointed Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh as acting prime minister and acting foreign minister during the absence of Mr. Badran and Mr. Qasem.

Syria braces itself

DAMASCUS, May 25 (R) — Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam said today Damascus was pressing ahead with preparations to face an attack as a military spokesman announced the downing of an Israeli reconnaissance plane over Syria. The spokesman said the spy plane was shot down by Syrian air defences in the Zabadani region along the Syrian-Lebanese border west of Damascus. It was the sixth plane Syria said it had shot down since the start of the missile crisis with Israel almost four weeks ago. The Israelis have admitted losing three aircraft, including a pilotless reconnaissance drone today, but Israel said it was shot down over the Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon. The Syrian news agency SANA, meanwhile, quoted Mr. Khaddam as having told ministers Syria rejected any pressure or threats from Israel "and is going ahead with its preparations for facing any aggression at any time."

Sadat: No concessions on Camp David, even to regain Arab friends

KHARTOUM, May 25 (A.P.) — Egypt will not stray from its Camp David commitments even if such a move would help Cairo renew ties with the rest of the Arabs, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said today. His remark came one day after Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri announced Sudan is ready to strike an Arab summit conference—including Egypt—because the dispute between Cairo and her Arab brethren is damaging Arab unity. Mr. Sadat and Mr. Numeiri met with reporters here at the end of a two-day visit by the Egyptian leader. The trip was Mr. Sadat's first journey to an Arab state since March of 1979 when he signed his controversial separate peace with Israel. Mr. Sadat was asked if he would make concessions to other Arab states, almost all of whom bitterly oppose the Egyptian-Israeli rapprochement, in order to facilitate their responding favourably to Mr. Numeiri's plea. "As for Egypt, we have no complexes. If you mean concessions that touch on Camp David or the peace treaty, no. No concessions there at all." Mr. Numeiri announced yesterday, "Egypt is Arab and can be nothing else." He said the Egyptians must be welcomed back into the Arab tent because Arab unity was impossible without her.

Saudis to raise oil price?

GENEVA, May 25 (A.P.) — Saudi Arabia, in a bid to strike a broad compromise, seemed prepared today to raise its oil price, three OPEC oil ministers said publicly at the end of the first day of a price-setting meeting here. The other 12 OPEC members would freeze their prices under the compromise, according to conference sources. Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, currently charges \$32 a barrel. Sources close to two influential OPEC ministers predicted the Saudis would raise their price by \$12 a barrel. The oil ministers of the United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Libya indicated that the price would go up. "I am optimistic that we might do something to narrow a bit the gap between the various prices of crude," said UAE Minister Mana Said Oteibah after stressing that this did not mean that the higher prices would be lowered. Iraq's Tayeh Abdul Karim also told reporters he believed the Saudis would raise their price. Most OPEC countries charge about \$36 a barrel but Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani has ruled out an increase to that level. (Earlier story on page 6)

AWACS deal hit in poll

NEW YORK, May 25 (A.P.) — The Reagan administration's plan to sell advanced radar warning planes to Saudi Arabia is opposed by most Americans, who don't like to see the United States sell military equipment to any foreign country, an Associated Press-NBC News poll says. The Reagan administration said earlier this year that it planned to sell five Airborne Warning and Control Systems planes (AWACS) to the Saudis. Only 19 per cent of those polled said they favour the AWACS sale. Fifty-four per cent opposed it, and 27 per cent were not sure. Fifty-two per cent said the United States should not sell any arms to any foreign country. Only 27 per cent said such sales should be made.

Victory expected in Bundestag vote Key missile-policy test for Schmidt today

AMMAN, May 25 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, buoyed by support of U.S. and French leaders, looked sure of weathering a potentially divisive parliamentary test over defence policy.

Schmidt returned here last night strengthened by backing from President Ronald Reagan and French President Mitterrand for his stance on the O's European missile test—currently the big test in German politics. An important gesture for the German President Reagan after last week's talks that placed equal weight on the O's of a 1979 NATO decision both for deployment of U.S. missiles and arms in Moscow. Before the trip Mr. Schmidt is future on full implosion of the NATO plan, going to step down if his democratic party (SPD) is a different line. Parliamentary parties in West Germany (lower house) squaring a major defence debate, Mr. Schmidt's last of summitry seemed to divide dividends at home. NATO programme is opposed by SPD leftists who suspect an administration of talks offer only as a covering deployment of the missiles, more than 200 in West Germany. Effort to flush SPD dissent into the open and split the left-liberal conservative opposition.

Schmidt also failed to resolve difference over the impact which U.S. interest rates, now at around 20 per cent, have had on West European economies. But SPD and government officials argued that a major success of the trip lay in the friendship which the chancellor and Mr. Reagan established during their meetings. "Where Mr. Schmidt is concerned, the personal relationship is always important," one Bonn source said, recalling the often strained ties between the chancellor and former President Jimmy Carter. Mr. Schmidt himself told reporters in Hanover, where Lower Saxony state SPD leaders today reaffirmed the party line on NATO strategy, that the president showed "an astonishing degree

Gulf council signed into life

ABU DHABI, May 25 (Agencies) — The heads of state of Saudi Arabia and five Gulf states signed an agreement today uniting their countries in a Gulf Cooperation Council despite sharp differences on defence policy. According to the charter, the six countries are to observe unified systems in financial affairs, trade, communications, education, culture, health, social affairs, information, tourism, and administrative and legislative affairs. It also stipulates that the six will jointly step up cooperation in the fields of scientific and technological advancement, industry, mining and agriculture. A \$6 billion joint investment company has been approved, to operate outside the Arab World within the framework of the council's financial committee. No

Mitterrand brother in Riyadh

BAHRAIN, May 25 (R) — Mr. Jacques Mitterrand, brother of France's newly-elected Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, conferred with King Khaled of Saudi Arabia in Riyadh last night, diplomatic sources said today. Mr. Mitterrand, who arrived in the Saudi capital yesterday, also delivered a letter from the president, the sources told Reuters by telephone from Riyadh. Today Mr. Mitterrand, a retired air force general, met Saudi Crown Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, the official Saudi Press Agency reported, but gave no details of their discussions. The sources said Mr. Mitterrand was in the kingdom in connection with a contract with the Saudi-based Arab Satellite Communications Organisation (Arabsat), which plans to launch and operate a satellite communications system for the Arab region. Mr. Mitterrand is head of the state-owned Aerospatiale Company, which was awarded the contract for the project.

3 embassies assaulted in West Beirut

BEIRUT, May 25 (A.P.) — The United States, Egyptian and Sudanese embassies were blasted by rifle- and rocket-fired grenades early today in what police called concerted attacks protesting Sudanese-Egyptian entente. Police said one Lebanese guard at the U.S. embassy was slightly injured at 1 a.m. when unidentified marksmen blasted four rifle-fired grenades into the second, third and fourth floors of the building in West Beirut. The blasts knocked out windows but caused only minor damage otherwise. At the same time, the Egyptian and Sudanese embassies also were hit but by rocket-propelled grenades. Two grenades struck the sixth floor of the Egyptian embassy in west Beirut. Mr. Yousef Omar Al Hindi, a counselor at the embassy, was slightly injured by fragments from a grenade which hit the residential quarters. The other grenade struck the embassy offices. The grenade intended for the Sudanese embassy, on the seventh floor of a nine-storey West Beirut building, did little damage, striking a rooftop water reservoir. The attacks on the embassies came while Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was in Khartoum where Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri called for an Arab summit at which leaders would discuss reuniting Egypt to the Arab World. Sporadic shelling and sniper fire claimed two lives today in the East Beirut suburb of Hadass. One of the casualties was a Lebanese soldier, police said.

NATIONAL



Bedouins add colour to festivities

Jordan's bedouins were colourfully represented at Monday's celebrations at Al Hussein Youth City to mark Independence and Army Day. One of the contingents of the guard of honour (right) which His Majesty King Hussein inspected at the beginning of the festivities

was dressed in the multi-coloured attire of the desert police. The bedouin's character of honesty, simplicity and amiability is depicted above, as an unidentified tribal leader presents congratulations to King Hussein on the occasion. (Staff photos by Yusef Al 'Allan)



Princess Alia inaugurates construction for University of Jordan Alumni Club

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — Construction on a centre for the University of Jordan's Alumni Club started today near Al Hussein Youth City in a ceremony held under the patronage of Her Highness Princess Alia.

After Princess Alia inaugurated the ceremony, the president of the Alumni Club made a speech expressing the members' gratitude to His Majesty King Hussein for granting the club a tract of land for the building and also thanked the Jordanian armed forces for undertaking to carry out the first stage of the JD 650,000 construction.

The ceremony was held today to coincide with Jordan's Independence and Army Day and was attended by the president of the University of Jordan, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, a representative of the commander in chief of the Jordanian armed forces, Amman's governor and Alumni Club members.



Her Highness Princess Alia cuts the ribbon Monday to launch construction work on a new centre for the University of Jordan's Alumni Club.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Exhibitions

The University of Jordan Alumni Club marks Independence Day with an exhibition celebrating the Jordanian heritage. The exhibition opens to members and their friends at 6:30 p.m., at the club premises.

The British Council presents sculpture from its permanent collection at the Jordan National Gallery of Fine Arts. The exhibition is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m., and remains open daily except Tuesday.

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibition of photographs by members of the centre's photography club. The exhibition is open to the public at the centre's hall in Jabal Lw-eidbeh.

The British Council presents "Recent Prints from Britain", an exhibition of original prints by Hockney, Kitago, Fassolas and many others. This exhibition, held previously at the Council in Amman, is on display in the foyer of Alcazar Hotel in Aqaba.

Spring Festival

The Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities presents the Spring Festival of art, which was celebrated in Aqaba last month, at the Alia Art Gallery in Shmeisani.

Piano Concert

The Aqaba Holiday Inn, in cooperation with the British Council, presents Mr. Martin Siegel in a piano recital. The performance will begin at 8 p.m., at the hotel's poolside terrace.

Film

The Goethe Institute presents "Lina Braake Oder" (1974), at 8 p.m., at the institute in Jabal Amman (in German, with English sub-titles).

Videotape Programmes

The American Centre presents a videotape summary of CBS television news for the past week. The tape will be shown at noon and 4 p.m., at the centre's auditorium, off Third Circle in Jabal Amman.

ART REVIEW

Small experiment paves way for a new photographic club

By Meg Abu Hamdan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 25 — A small experiment is going on at the French Cultural Centre over the next two weeks. It looks like an interesting but informal photographic exhibition of scenes and people in Jordan and France, but that is just a cover story. The real purpose of these prints is to encourage people to come forward to enquire about the art of photographic development.

The French Cultural Centre, always a great proponent of photography, has had black and white developing equipment and a dark room for the use of its members for a number of years. However, to encourage greater use of these facilities M. Corbel, one of the teachers at the centre, decided to form a photographic club and about two months ago he advertised to that effect in the French magazine "Echo" — and received no replies. So he and five friends got together and produced this small display of colour and black and white prints — the latter all being developed at the centre — to see if the Jordanians could be encouraged by this more practical method. This way, he thought, they can actually see for themselves what can be achieved.

As a tribute to the quality of these prints, many Jordanians already have enquired about the art and in October, after both the summer break and the installation of new black and white and colour developing equipment in better and more spacious accommodation at the Centre, there will be a new photographic club in Jordan.

The photographs on display are titled but not

claimed — the photographers remain anonymous. The reason for this mystery is simply that M. Corbel and his friends wish only to encourage work — work which however is often very good. Particularly good are some of the Jordanian landscapes — like in the print entitled "Amman" where the old steps climbing up to the Cyf tree are startling white against the dark shadow cast by its enclosing wall. Or take "Wadi Uyu Musa" where the textural qualities that the leaved foliage imparts add emphasis to the smoothness to the tumbling water. Good also is the print "Vallee du Jourdan" whose mosaic cracked dried earth is found incongruously between tall verdant weeds. All these photographs use use of the tonal and textural qualities of black and white photography. Making full use of colour in photography are the three shots of the swirling terms in the white, red and purple hued rocks, which can only be found at Petra. These photographs look like beautiful abstract paintings that it is difficult to tell that this is the reality of nature.

Characteristic of the series of still lives taken in France is their tasteful composition: the geometry of the windows, table and complex shadows softened by the vaporous flowers, while the bright light and peaceful garden scenes trans the calm serenity of the French countryside. They are romantic perhaps but at least not stereotypical and conventional like the series of prints entitled "Forest of Vernon".

Anyone interested in learning how to develop their own photographs should contact M. Corbel and anyone interested in how to take photographs will learn a lot from a visit to this small exhibition.

Princess Basma receives Qatari minister of labour

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — Qatari Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ali Ahmad Al Ansari arrived here today for a four-day official visit to Jordan at the invitation of Her Highness Princess Basma, honorary chairman of the Queen Alia Jordan Welfare Fund (QAJWF).

In a statement upon arrival, Mr. Ansari said that he would hold talks with Jordanian officials aimed at boosting cooperation between Jordan and Qatar in social affairs.

The princess, along with Minister of Labour Jawad Al Anani and Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti as well as Amman Mayor Isam Ajlouni and members of QAJWF's board of trustees were at the airport to meet the Qatari minister.

Mr. Ansari visited this afternoon the headquarters of QAJWF and met with Her Highness Princess Basma and the fund's board members.

Mr. Ansari was briefed on the QAJWF's educational and voluntary activities and its future programmes. The meeting was also attended by Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti.



Her Highness Princess Basma (at head of table) briefs visiting Qatari Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ali Ahmad Ansari (in Alcazar Hotel) Monday on activities of the Queen Alia Fund for Voluntary Work.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — The three month school summer vacation for government, private and UNRWA schools in Jordan began today. A Ministry of Education spokesman said that schools will reopen for students on Aug. 22, 1981, but teachers will have to be at their schools on Aug. 15. Make-up examinations will be held on Aug. 17, the spokesman said.

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — Thirty four Jordanian merchants including a baker, and two greengrocers have been fined between JD 60 to JD 70 each for violating Ministry of Supply regulations. The military governor yesterday endorsed the sentences.

MAFRAQ, May 25 (Petra) — The Water Supply Corporation will construct a pipeline network to supply water to five villages in the Mafraq district. Work on the JD10,000 project will start next month. The 8,000-metre-long network will supply water to the villages of Umm Qatima, Houshan, Al Sa'adeh, Al Bashiriya and Al Rahbah.

AMMAN, May 25 (Petra) — A chess tournament organised by the Ministry of Education for school students opened here today. Taking part in the tournament are students from 85 preparatory and secondary schools around the country.

RAMTHA, May 25 (Petra) — The municipal council of Al Sha'ara in the Ramtha district has earmarked JD 35,000 for the construction and paving of roads in the village. Work on these roads will start next month. The council also allocated the necessary funds for the construction of a secondary school for girls, a shopping centre and a football field in the village, a municipal council source said.

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A happy day for disabled kids at the airport

AMMAN, (J.T.) — To mark the International Year of Disabled Persons, Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, recently played host to some 150 handicapped children and their teachers, from institutes in Amman, Zarqa and Irbid.

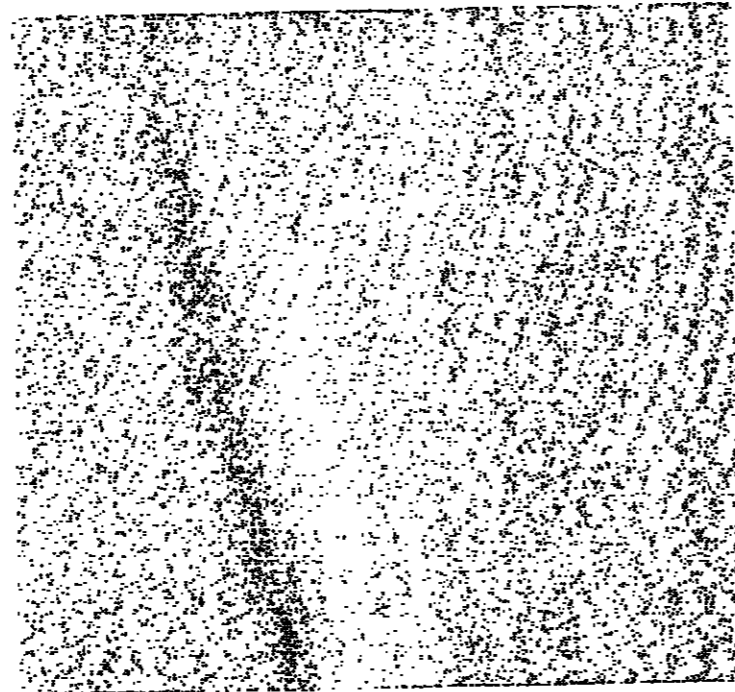
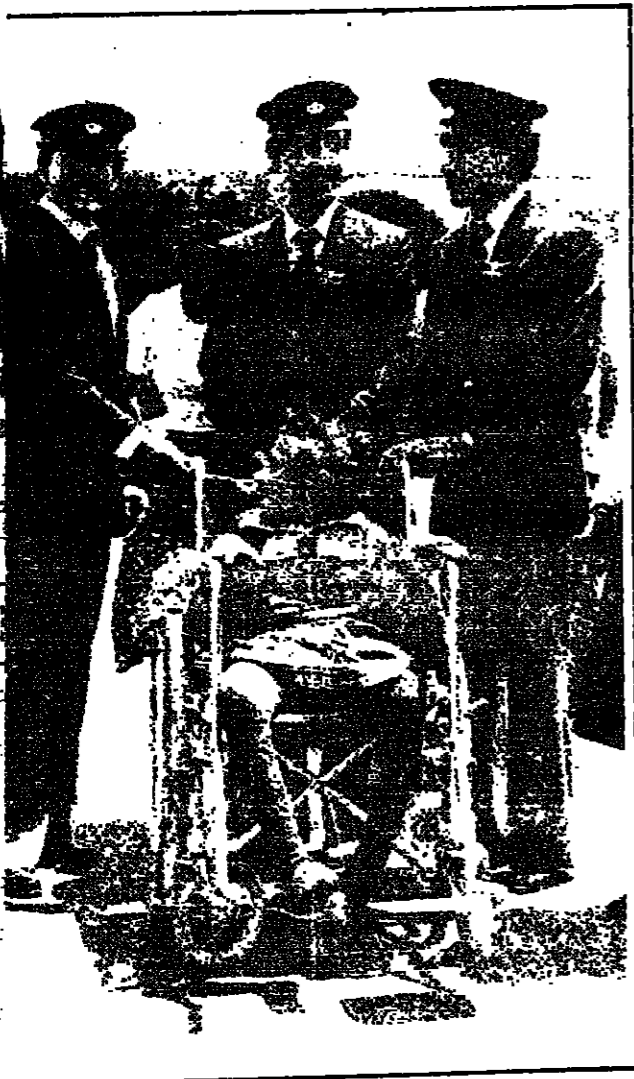
Four busloads of excited youngsters arrived at the airport on the occasion, all delightedly anticipating their visit to the Prince Hamza, the airline's newest Boeing 747 airliner. The smart-looking Alia crew members, decked out in full uniform specially for the occasion, greeted the visitors and helped them aboard the plane, carrying those who could not walk.

After being officially welcomed aboard and having thoroughly inspected the aircraft,

which all agreed was very beautiful, the children were served a snack of cakes, candies and soft drinks. And, amid a great deal of singing, applause and giggling, gifts of colouring books, crayons, stickers, inflatable toys and other playthings were distributed — to both the children and their teachers.

The smiling faces of hosts and guests alike showed that a good time was had by all. The children had had the "time of their lives," reported the institutions' directors, who thanked everyone involved for the "beautiful experience."

The crew members, all of whom had volunteered their time for the event, are already planning another such occasion in the very near future.



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West MIDDLE EAST

Sadat reviews parade in Khartoum; Numeiri calls for Arab Summit

KHARTOUM, May 25 (R) — President Anwar Sadat led a military parade in the capital today in which Chinese, French and German military equipment was shown.



Sadat held a closed session of talks — the third since Mr. Sadat's arrival yesterday.

They will hold a press conference later on the outcome of their talks.

Meanwhile, President Jaafar Numeiri had called for an Arab summit to resolve differences with Egypt over its peace treaty with Israel.

Mr. Numeiri said in a speech last night that Egypt should par-

icipate in the conference, which would be devoted to finding a formula for "joint Arab action."

He was speaking shortly after President Anwar Sadat arrived in Khartoum on his first visit to an Arab country since signing the accord with Israel two years ago.

All Arab countries except Sudan, Somalia and Oman have severed diplomatic and economic relations with Egypt in protest against the treaty.

As Jewish families move in

Hebron calls for one-hour strike

TEL AVIV, May 25 (R) — Palestinian leaders in the occupied West Bank town of Hebron today called for a one-hour general strike tomorrow to protest against plans to house Jews there.

Acting Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe told reporters the strike was levelled at the restoration of buildings in the town centre to allow Jewish families to move in. The houses are said to have belonged to Jews prior to clashes in 1929 which drove the Jewish community out of Hebron.

Mr. Natshe also complained about the continued violation by Jewish worshippers of regulations governing prayer services in the tomb of patriarchs, revered by both Muslims and Jews.

Palestinian leaders yesterday said two Jewish families already had moved into the houses and

demanding United Nations intervention.

In another development, nine unidentified Spanish mayors have been banned by Israel from visiting the West Bank as the invitations were sent by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), military sources claimed.

The sources said the mayors were due to arrive from Jordan this week but were informed they would not be allowed across the Jordan River.

The mayors were invited by the PLO to various towns in the West Bank and Israel proper to discuss "twin city" agreements, the sources said, adding the authorities here were angered because the list of places they were due to visit did not distinguish between Arab towns on the two sides of the pre-1967 Israeli border.

Libyans in Chad create aches in Khartoum, Cairo

KHARTOUM: Soviet backed Libyan troops in Chad have reinforced their positions in a town 130 kilometres off the Sudanese border and are amassing forces in another strategic central Chadian town, the Sudan News Agency has reported.

The report quoting eyewitnesses said "some 120 trucks carrying troops and tanks" arrived earlier this week in the town of Abeche near Sudan's western borders with Chad. The reinforcements came from Kufra a zone in southern Libya.

The report quoting the same sources said the Libyans were also "reinforcing their positions" in another town, linking at the northern southern provinces of Chad. It gave no details.

Western and Sudanese military sources have up till now estimated there were 1,200 Libyan troops, supported by 60 armoured cars, artillery mortar and BM-16 missiles in Abeche. These sources have said the Libyans aided by Soviet and East German advisers have set up a radar station and expanded the Todou airport runway to accommodate MIG-23 jets.

In Ati, the same sources estimated the Libyans have 800 men, 30 armoured cars and an unspecified amount of artillery and missiles.

The report of the reinforcements comes on the eve of a visit by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Sudan. The two countries have a joint defence pact, and the presence of Libyan troops close to the Sudanese borders is worrying both nations, officials have said.

The Sudan News Agency report said the Libyans have evacuated villages around the border where some 70 Libyans were recently reported killed in fighting between Libyan-supported factions and

the troops of Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei.

The report gave no details of the evacuation. But Western sources in touch with developments on the borders have said refugees now trickle in at a rate of 20 to 40 a day compared to the average of 200 earlier this month.

Meanwhile, Egypt which has called for a withdrawal of Libyan troops from Chad condemned "as a dangerous precedent" at an impromptu summit meeting grouping the leaders of Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Libya and Chad who met to discuss means of settling the situation in Chad.

A communique issued by the Egyptian foreign ministry said the meeting was in effect "an endorsement of the Libyan occupation" of Chad, and thus in opposition to demands by 12 African countries earlier this year that the Libyans pull out of Chad.

Moreover, the communique questioned the right of "a small group of nations to determine the fate of a country and force a *fait accompli* on the Organisation of African Unity."

The President of Sierra Leone Siaka Stevens is current chairman of the OAU and Libyan Col. Muammar Qadhafi in an interview with the French news agency alleged the organisation wants Libya to maintain its troops in Chad until a neutral African peacekeeping force can be organised to take over.

Mr. Stevens told reporters in the Chadian capital N'Djamena, that he is convinced Libya planned to withdraw its troops from Chad gradually, but refused to link the pullback to the arrival of the proposed African force.

Sadat reported to offer Iraq hefty discount on arms deal

CAIRO, May 25 (A.P.) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat offered Iraq a hefty discount on an arms deal aimed at re-enforcing the Iraqis in their war with Iran, sources here say.

Egyptian sources said Mr. Sadat gave the Iraqis a \$10-million discount on artillery, ammunition and artillery parts.

This is the second time Mr. Sadat is reported to have sold arms to the Iraqis, despite the fact Iraq has been one of the more bitter opponents of Egypt's separate

peace with Israel.

Egyptian military officers said the offer did not represent a particularly large package. Neither the officers nor usually reliable Egyptian diplomatic sources could explain why Mr. Sadat provided the \$10-million discount.

An earlier Saudi Arabian report, appearing in the London-based newspaper Al Shark Al Awsat, said Mr. Sadat granted the credit because the Iraqis aided Egypt in 1973.

Polisario to free captives as gesture to Morocco

ALGIERS: The Polisario front, a guerrilla organisation fighting for the independence of the former Spanish Sahara, announced Monday it planned to release prisoners taken in its five years of warfare against Morocco. Mr. Mohammed Abdul Aziz, secretary general of the Algiers-based Polisario front, said the release would come soon "as a sign of solidarity and goodwill toward the Moroccan people."

Mr. Abdul Aziz, in a speech making the eighth anniversary of the beginning of the struggle against Spain in the desert region, did not specify how many prisoners would be freed. Since the beginning of 1976, when Spain withdrew from the territory and it was divided between Morocco and Mauritania, the Polisario has claimed to have captured about 2,000 Moroccan soldiers.

The Polisario is trained and financed by Algeria and Libya and operates from Algerian bases. Two



Freedom at last in sight (Gammia photo)

years ago, Mauritania renounced its claim to the southern one-third of the phosphate-rich territory and signed a separate peace with the Polisario. Morocco quickly moved in and annexed the Mauritanian sector. (A.P.)

Mass exodus from Afghanistan

By Michael Fathers

ASGHORO REFUGEE CAMP, Pakistan: Led by a crippled chieftain, 25,000 members of Afghanistan's Sabari tribe have crossed into Pakistan in a mass migration they say was essential to their survival.

Travelling on camels, donkeys, lorries and on foot, the Sabaris were making the first mass tribal exodus from Afghanistan since the Soviet military intervention there.

The tribe decided to leave after a four-day battle with Afghan troops sent to their homes to disarm them.

An assembly of 300 tribal elders agreed on the last day of the battle that a mass exodus was the only way to survive and escape retaliation by the Soviet-supplied Afghan army.

Headed by Mr. Mahmoud Ali Jan, their aged chieftain on crutches, the Sabaris fled to Pakistan late last month from their village homes in the fertile lowlands around Khost city in Afghanistan's eastern Paktia province, bringing with them all their moveable belongings and thousands of head of livestock.

"We were compelled to leave our villages. We had to leave. We live on the plains and had no way to protect ourselves," Mr. Ali Jan said through an interpreter.

After the three-hour-long session, messages were sent to all Sabari villages to begin the exodus to Pakistan over 160 kilometres away.

Mr. Ali Jan said: "We started moving at night. I arrived in Pakistan after two days in a trailer behind a tractor. We brought thousands of head of livestock. Lots died on the way because there was no fodder or water. Some people sold their stock cheaply because they had no money and we had to purchase tents when we crossed the border."

About 5,000 members of the tribe remained in Paktia. Some decided to risk staying to harvest the abandoned winter crops before leaving later for Pakistan. The others who stayed were described by Mr. Ali Jan as Kabul government sympathisers.

United Nations refugee officials in Parachinar, the Kurram agency headquarters at the tip of the Kurram salient, which juts towards Kabul, said the exodus was unique.

"People from other tribes have come across piecemeal in drabs and drabs. This was a disciplined and organised mass movement as a result of a decision by a whole tribe," a senior U.N. field officer said.

By Afghan standards the Sabaris are a wealthy tribe of farmers and merchants coming from a fertile region.

Afghan refugees from other tribes in Paktia said the Sabaris were the only tribe which had not actively joined in the Jihad (holy war) against the Soviet army and the Kabul government in the province.

They had tried to protect their prosperity during the nearly three-year-long insurgency by maintaining an uneasy neutrality.

In recent months several Sabaris were killed by stray artillery shells and gunshot attacks and the demands of the Afghan authorities on the tribe were becoming more aggressive, Mr. Ali Jan said.

Mr. Ali Jan went on: "We were secretly helping the Mujahadeen (the insurgents) fighting in the mountains. We could not take part



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J.S. embassies criticised for poor construction plans

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — After a \$3 million on a house U.S. ambassador to Egypt occupied, the embassy is trying to build a new \$2 million, U.S. general accounting office (GAO)

contract just to redo the old a job originally estimated 3,200, actually came to 70 more, according to a report.

one official's opinion," the said, "it is not suitable for ambassador's residence because it is in a poor location for living."

lined to live there because the house is too far from town and has security problems.

The GAO found smaller cost overruns on other projects in Cairo and Alexandria, in Tunis, Manila and Bangkok.

In Bangkok, the U.S. mission reported 12 buildings being constructed in October 1979. The GAO says the buildings were much older but had never been reported earlier.

It blames unnamed ambassadors for some delays on projects.

"For example," the report says, "in Manila, FBO has been trying unsuccessfully to replace one (residence) purchased in 1970 because it is extremely costly to operate and maintain. The ambassador does not concur with FBO's plans... as a result, the new residence plans are at present indefinitely deferred."

Mr. Slayton explained that ambassador Richard Murphy ob-

jected to the site on the ground that it was near a sewage outlet "and didn't always smell very nice."

In reply to the report, the FBO is unwilling to get rid of the historic hotel Talleyrand just off the Place de Concorde in Paris, once the home of Prince Talleyrand — Napoleon's minister of foreign affairs. It was a German headquarters during World War II and afterwards housed the Marshall Plan that helped Western Europe's recovery. Now the U.S. consulate uses it for offices.

The GAO says the old building will cost at least \$11.4 million to renovate and would still be inefficient.

On the other hand, Mr. Slayton points out that the Hotel Talleyrand is expected to increase in value. There are advantages that accountants can't tally in owning one of the finest buildings in Paris, two blocks from the embassy. Any new site would probably have to be a considerable distance away. (A.P.)

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ECONOMY

Yamani 'not very hopeful' on OPEC price agreement

GENEVA, May 25 (R) — Saudi Arabia, under fierce attack from other oil producers for causing a glut on the market, showed little sign at the start of an OPEC meeting today of being ready to raise prices or cut production, as its critics demand.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani told reporters as he entered the meeting he was "not very hopeful" the 13 nations would succeed in closing the gap between the present Saudi \$32 rate and the \$36 base preferred by other producers.

Sheikh Yamani said his country might be prepared to raise its price if other producers cut theirs. But he said he was not ready to discuss production here.

The oil ministers of Libya, which charges \$41 for its top quality oil, and Iraq said there was "no chance" they would agree to lower their prices. Venezuela's Humberto Calderon Berti said: "We are going to remain at \$36. If our customers don't want to buy our crude at this level they can go elsewhere."

Opening the conference, Indonesia's Dr. Subroto, who was re-elected president, said this was a difficult time in the market and all members should show wisdom and not pursue purely national interests in trying to find "a new equilibrium."

Delegates later went into intensive group meetings and scheduled a plenary session in the evening.

Honecker shopping in Japan

EAST BERLIN, May 25 (R) — East Germany is expected to order advanced industrial technology worth hundreds of millions of dollars during a six-day state visit to Japan by head of state Erich Honecker starting tomorrow.

Trading sources in East Berlin confirmed reports from Tokyo that negotiations are already well under way for plant worth over one billion dollars and said at least one major contract would be completed and signed during the party chief's stay.

It will be Mr. Honecker's third official visit to a Western-oriented country as East German head of state, following trips to the Philippines in 1977 and to Austria six

months ago, the first tour of a West European state by an East Berlin leader.

His previous visits outside the Soviet bloc, mostly to Third World countries, have been largely political in character, aimed at underlining East Germany's growing involvement in international affairs.

But officials in East Berlin say the priorities of the Japan visit are concerned with East Germany's need for technology to modernise some of its industries, and to help it produce high-quality goods primarily aimed at Western markets.

The biggest item on Mr. Honecker's shopping list is a \$500 million oil-cracking plant for East

Germany's petrochemical centre in Schwedt, the trading sources said.

Japan's Toyo Engineering Company is already building a similar plant at the north-eastern oil centre, fed by pipelines from the Soviet Union. The technology enables a far greater refinement of crude oil, providing the material for high-quality chemical products.

Other items under negotiation include a \$250 million electronic appliance factory to produce radios and video equipment, a \$100 million cold-steel sheet mill and a \$150 million steel foundry for Leipzig—a contract also being chased by British and West German firms.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

USSR helps Iran expand shipping fleet

TEHRAN, May 25 (R) — The Soviet Union has agreed to help Iran expand its shipping fleet in the Caspian Sea to boost communication between the two countries, state radio reported yesterday.

The radio that under an agreement recently signed in Tehran the state-owned Iranian Shipping Company would deal directly with Sudimport, the Soviet foreign trade organisation, for the purchase of ships. But it did not say what type of vessels were involved.

Iranian and Soviet officials also agreed to increase freight traffic between the two countries to seven million tonnes in the current Iranian year, which began on March 21, the radio said.

Many of Iran's imports from Europe come by rail through the Soviet Union and thence by ship across the Caspian Sea.

The route has taken on added importance because Iran's Gulf ports are congested and vulnerable as a result of the war with Iraq.

Japan asks Nigeria to cut oil price

TOKYO, May 25 (R) — Japanese oil refiners and traders are negotiating with Nigeria for a cut in oil prices in view of the world-wide oil glut, industry sources said today.

Japan imports about 60,000 barrels a day of crude oil from Nigeria.

Under the Japanese importers' present contracts prices are reviewed every three months.

The sources said the Japanese were asked to make bids on Nigerian oil imports prior to an OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting opening in Geneva today.

They did not detail the Japanese demands, but they are expected to involve a cut in Nigeria's selling prices, now about \$40 a barrel, as well as an end to premiums.

Gulf Oil Corporation of the United States, the biggest buyer of Nigerian oil, has demanded that the Nigerian official price be lowered to \$37 a barrel, the sources said.

The sources said Japan now pays premiums of between one and two dollars a barrel.

Private sector grows in China

PEKING, May 25 (R) — A total of 810,000 Chinese started their own businesses last year, a Chinese magazine reported today, giving a sign of how far China has shifted towards a mixed public-private economy.

Small scale private enterprise is now not only tolerated but encouraged in China, partly to relieve unemployment which some foreign estimates have put at 20 million in urban areas.

The foreign-language weekly Beijing (Peking) review said the number of people involved in private businesses is small. "What is significant is that more job opportunities are thus created and what these people do is a supplement to the socialist economy," it said.

The magazine also denied that the current economic austerity programme would lead to more unemployment. It said workers whose enterprises were closed down would stay on the payroll while they were retrained.

Gulf nationals to buy shares in Saudi industrial schemes

BAHRAIN, May 25 (R) — Saudi Arabia's Industry Minister, Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Quassaiby, said yesterday all Gulf nationals would be allowed to buy shares in Saudi government industrial schemes which might go public.

"This is a pledge," Dr. Ghussaiby said, adding that the trend now was for the Gulf states to undertake projects collectively and not individually.

There was no place for projects which competed, duplicated or destroyed another in the area, he said.

Dr. Ghussaiby flew to Bahrain for an official ceremony marking completion of expansion to the Bahrain Aluminium (ALBA) smelter. The Emir of Bahrain, Sheikh

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World recession drowns in drinks

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1979, latest year for which figures are available... U.S. brewers introduced "light" beer, with fewer calories...

States, has been the sale of low-alcohol beers... Patterns of consumption are also changing fast in France...

Where are Peace People and peace in N. Ireland?

BELFAST — As violence again sweeps British-ruled Northern Ireland... "Where are the peace people now?"

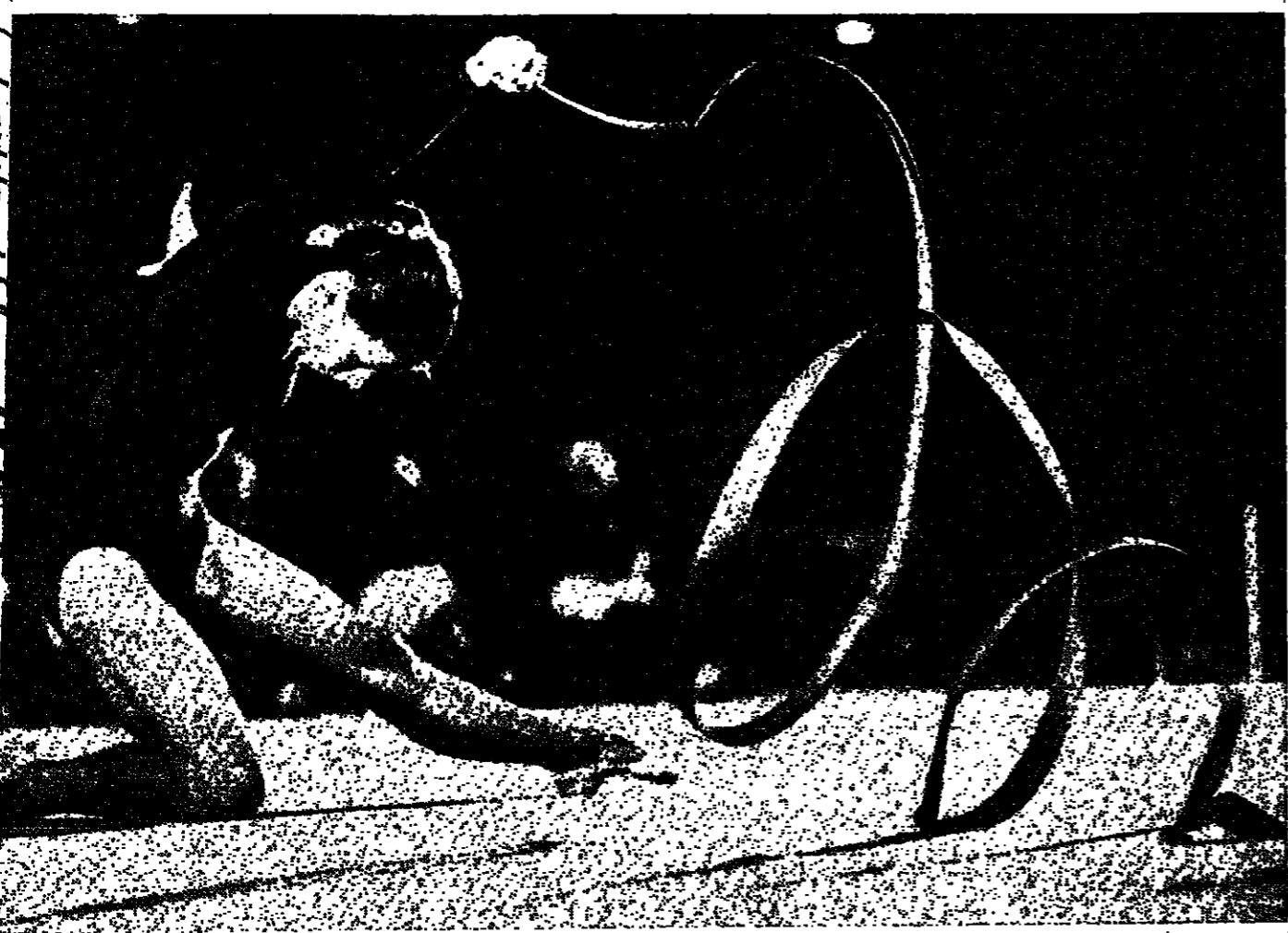
It is almost five years since two Belfast women, Mrs. Mairead Corrigan and Mrs. Betty Williams...

After the climax of the Nobel Prize award, the movement's impact waned... Mrs. Betty Williams, who insists

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Bulgarian Anelia Ralenkova, who amassed 38.20 out of a possible 40 points for the four exercises...

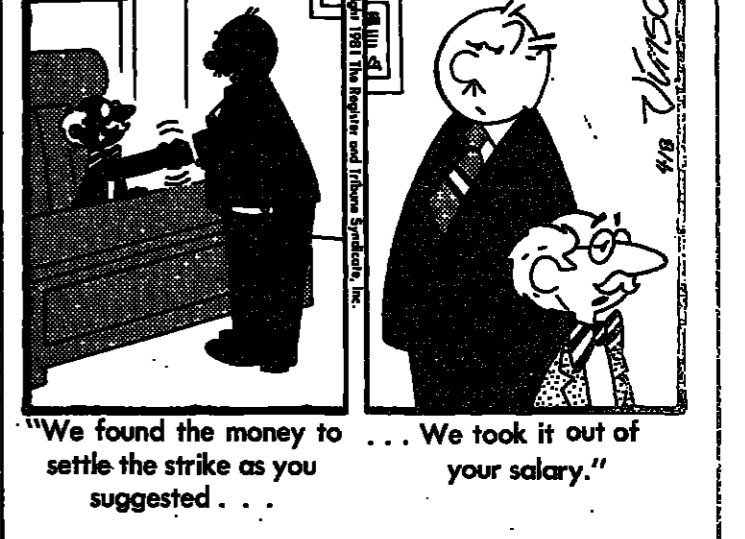
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THE BETTER HALF By Vinson



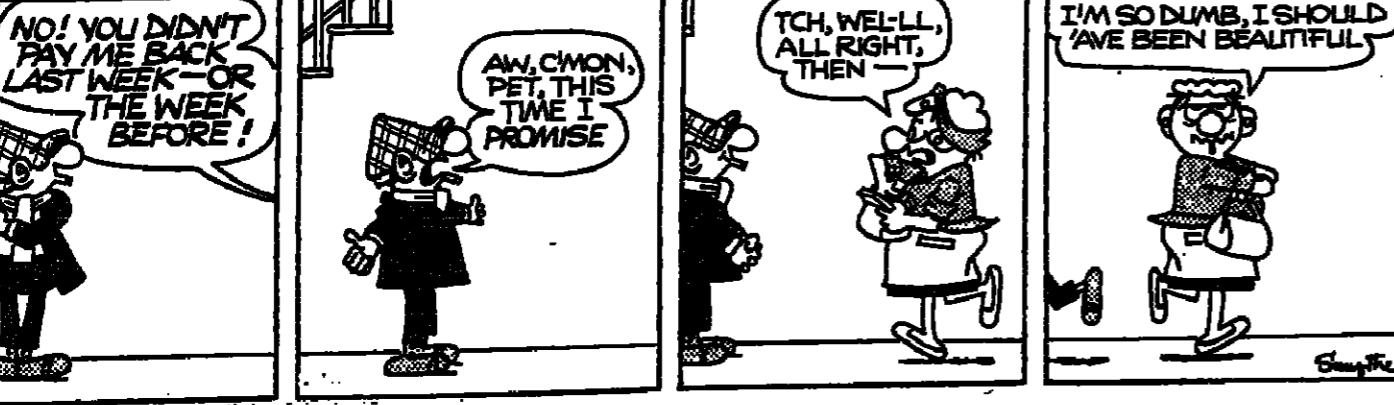
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